

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Hopkins for indicating allowability of Claims 10-14, 16 and 17 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


Accordingly, Applicants have included the limitations of Claim 17 in Claim 9. New Claims 18-31 which directly or indirectly depend on amended Claim 9 have been added. Non-elected Claims 1-8 have been canceled. Accordingly, Claims 9-16 and 18-31 are allowable over the prior art of record.

This application presents allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass it to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the claims or otherwise wish to discuss this case, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' below-signed representative, who would be happy to provide any assistance deemed necessary in speeding this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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